

FFA Set Student's Path in a Different Direction

Boone grew up with a **difficult home life**. The result of this environment made him a very angry person. The anger led to fights at school which eventually resulted in Boone living in a **youth correctional facility**. Through treatment, Boone learned to control his anger. He also realized life had more to offer if he could discipline himself. For the first time in life, **Boone realized he had potential**.

As a high school sophomore, Boone came to Snake River High School in Blackfoot. He enrolled in an **agricultural class**. His involvement in extra curricular activities kept him focused and out of trouble. His involvement in **FFA helped him learn** he had many opportunities available.

Boone showed dairy cattle at the Bingham County Fair and the Eastern Idaho State Fair. Caring, fitting and showing his animals took many hours of his time that helped Boone **re-channel his energies**.

Boone became a **Chapter FFA officer** for two years in a row and in his senior year was elected **District Reporter**. In April of 2002, **Boone earned his State FFA Degree** and realized his dream come true when he was **named Idaho State FFA Sentinel**.

Boone's story is one of success – the life of a troubled young man turned around through involvement in his local high school FFA chapter. Boone is currently attending BYU-Idaho majoring in Agricultural Systems Management.

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